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Comment. The Reuss Kaserne is occupied by the 308th Arty Brig of the XXVIII Gds Litz Rifle Corps. All motor vehicles [ ] observed belong to this unit. [ ] the brigade was stationed at the post until mid-June. The equipment with 152-mm field howitzers appears new and unusual for a corps artillery brigade. The guns, which resembled gun howitzers but had a shorter barrel and a caliber of approximately 200 mm, have not been used before.

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